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For: CMP PROCESS )

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment for entry in the above-identified application.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (amended) A CMP process for a contact hole or metal track etching, in which a liner deposited over the whole area on a dielectric after the patterning and a metalization layer deposited over the whole area on the liner, said metalization layer preferably being composed of tungsten or copper, are removed in regions by a chemical mechanical polishing process (CMP) which stops on the dielectric, wherein  
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at least in the regions surrounding the patterned portions on the dielectric, an auxiliary layer which can easily be removed by the CMP process is fashioned between dielectric and liner.